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REF: A. STATE 196217, B. VIENNA 6668 C. VIENNA 3624

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS RUN-DOWN ON PREPARATIONS
FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION ON FERTILIZERS
BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS SECRETARIAT MEMBERS
AND READING OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ORGANIZATION
OF THE MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST CONSULTATION MEETING ON FERTILIZER INDUSTRY
NOW SCHEDULED FOR VIENNA JAN. 17-21, 1977. CONSULTATION
IS TO BE PRECEDED BY PREPARATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM
ABOUT 25 COUNTRIES SCHEDULED FOR VIENNA NOV. 8-12, 1976
TO CONSIDER A LIST OF RELEVANT ISSUES PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT
AND TO ADVISE ON THOSE WHICH SHOULD HAVE PRIORITY
FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA OF THE CONSULTATION MEETING.
CONSULTATION MEETING ITSELF WILL BE OPEN TO ALL
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ANTICIPATES ATTENDANCE BY ABOUT 60. AGENDA TO BE

DISTRIBUTED IN LATE NOV.

3. THE COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL STUDY ON FERTILIZER SITUATION AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS HEADED LARGELY BY PROF. EWELL IS IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION, WITH TVA BEING CALLED UPON (ACCORDING TO STAFF MEMBER KELETI) TO WRITE ONE OF THE CHAPTERS AND HELP WITH FINAL EDITING. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED AN ADVANCE COPY OF REPORT WHICH WILL NOT BE FORMALLY CIRCULATED TO GOVERNMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE NOV. PREPARATORY MEETING. ACCORDING TO BECKER-BOOST, BOTH FAO AND IBRD WERE EXTENSIVELY CONSULTED DURING PREPARATION OF STUDY, WITH IBRD CONTRIBUTING PARTICULARLY TO CHAPTER ON FINANCING NEW INVESTMENT IN FERTILIZER INDUSTRY.

4. AS REPORTED PARA 2 REF B, PROCEDURE SECRETARIAT PLANNING TO FOLLOW IN ORGANIZING PREPARATORY MEETING IS TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH PERMANENT MISSIONS IN VIENNA OF SELECTED COUNTRIES THE NAMES OF TWO OR THREE EXPERTS FROM THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION, AS BEING UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR INVITATION TO THE MEETING. ADDRESSEE GOVERNMENTS WILL BE ASKED TO CONFIRM CONCURRENCE WITH THE CHOICE OF ONE OF THE NAMED EXPERTS OR TO PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE CHOICE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10 SO THAT SECRETARIAT CAN EXTEND FORMAL INVITATION TO THE INDIVIDUAL SELECTED.

5. WE HAVE INFORMALLY OBTAINED COPY OF DRAFT LETTER TO PERMANENT MISSIONS, WITH ANNEXES, CONCERNING PREPARATORY MEETING AND CONSULTATION WHICH BEING AIR-POUCHED IO/CMD. DRAFT ANNEXES LIST (A) EDWIN M. WHELLER, FERTILIZER INSTITUTE AND (B) DONALD L. MCCUNE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT CENTER AS US EXPERTS (PARA 3 ABOVE) UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR (ONE) INVITATION TO PREPARATORY MEETING.

6. IN LINE WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE ON CONSULTATIONS TO RESUMED IDB-X (REF B PARA 3) ANNEX I TO ABOVE-MENTIONED DRAFT LETTER STATES QUOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DECISION OF THE IDB, GOVERNMENTS ARE INVITED TO INCLUDE, AS APPROPRIATE, PARTICIPANTS FROM INDUSTRY AND LABOR IN THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS. UNQUOTE. WE ARE TOLD BY SECRETARIAT THAT THIS MEANS THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION OF US BUSINESS FIRMS SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 7 REF C AND NATIONAL TRADE ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS SULPHUR AND POTASH INSTITUTES (AND OF LABOR UNIONS) SHOULD BE MADE BY USG RATHER

THAN BY DIRECT UNIDO INVITATION.

7. PREPARATORY MEETING AND CONSULTATION ARE TO BE PRECEDED BY A SO-CALLED "PANEL MEETING" TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER TO GIVE THE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY A FINAL REVIEW PRIOR TO ITS PUBLICATION. PANEL PARTICIPATION IS TO BE BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS, UNIDO CONSULTANTS, ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS. TENTATIVE LIST OF PANEL PARTICIPANTS PLUS OTHER PAPERS FOR THIS MEETING ALSO AIRPOUCHED IO/CMD.

8. WITH A NUMBER OF SECRETARIAT UNITS INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR FERTILIZER CONSULTATIONS (E.G. NEGOTIATIONS SECTION, SECTORAL STUDIES SECTION, CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES SECTION AND WORLD BANK/UNIDO COOPERATIVE PROGRAM) IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AUTHORITATIVE DESCRIPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT APPEAR TO BE COMPLEX SET OF PROCEDURES. STIBRAVY

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